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NATIONAL TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted the National Tourism Advisory Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of meetings of the Council held so far; and

(d) the issues discussed in the said meetings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. KANTI SINGH)

(a) to (d): The National Tourism Advisory Council (NTAC) was reconstituted in March 2008, with Hon'ble Minister for Tourism & Culture as Chairperson and individual experts in the field of Tourism, representatives of industry associations, and senior officers of the concerned Ministries of the Government as members. The first meeting of the reconstituted NTAC was held on 12th March, 2008. The main issues discussed in the meeting were the promotion of eco and rural tourism, tax incentives for hotels and other infrastructure facilities, granting of visa-on- arrival, safety and security of tourists, improvement in connectivity to important tourist destinations in the country, etc.